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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Smt P.Vijaya Kumari, Dy Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.561 **Dated:22.08.2024**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.169, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt:22.08.2024

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Smt P.Vijaya Kumari, Dy Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the D.G., ACB during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Vizianagaragam District, on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

3. Smt P.Vijaya Kumari, Dy Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Smt P.Vijaya Kumari, Dy Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Smt P.Vijaya Kumari, Dy Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the time specified in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Smt P.Vijaya Kumari, Dy Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt P.Vijaya Kumari, Dy Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R P SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Smt P.Vijaya Kumari, Dy Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. P. VIJAYA KUMARI, 49 YEARS, DY.TAHSILDAR, O/O TAHSILDAR, PEDDAPURAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 03/ SC-ACB - RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Smt. P. Vijaya Kumari, 49 years, Dy. Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) (here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 18.12.2019 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of surprise check) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy. Tahsildar, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) failed to maintain certain mandatory registers in the Tahsildar office, Peddapuram.

Thus, the Government Servant by her above-mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e., she has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and also showed slack supervision and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE -II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT. P. VIJAYA KUMARI, 49 YEARS, DY.TAHSILDAR, O/O TAHSILDAR, PEDDAPURAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 03/ SC-ACB - RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Smt. P. Vijaya Kumari, 49 years, Dy.Tahsildar is a native of Ramachandrapuram, Dr. B.R Ambedkar Konaseema District (previously East Godavari District). Her date of birth is 07.06.1974. She joined in the Government Service on 25.02.2004 as Junior Assistant. On consequent promotions, she rose to the rank of Dy. Tahsildar on 18.12.2019 and was working in the same capacity at O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District). Her basic pay is Rs. 31,460/- (22,460-66,330/-). She is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2036. She is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Brief facts:

On credible information that the Tahsildar and the staff of O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari district were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting (bribe) mamools from the persons who approaches the O/o Tahsildar for their works and abusing their official position. As such after obtaining permission from ACB, Head Office, Vijayawada. The DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram conducted a surprise check in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District(previously East Godavari District) in the presence of Mediators namely, 1) Sri Yadagani Pattabhi Chowdary, S/o Rajarao, 38 years, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Proh. & Excise Station, Alamuru, East Godavari District, R/o Flat No.202, Samrat Ashok, Kings Paradise Apartment, Sainagar, Morampudi and 2) Sri Irkineni Durga Nageswara Rao, S/o Krishna Reddy, 38 years, Proh. & Excise Sub-Inspector, O/o Excise Superintendent, Rajamahendravaram North, R/o Flat No.C-2, High Rise Apartment, Gaadhalamma Nagar, Morampudi, Rajamahendravaram from 11.45 hrs to 23.45 hrs on 24.01.2020, found irregularities and laps in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal and same was mentioned in Surprise check proceedings dated. 24.01.2020.

During the surprise check the DSP, ACB found irregularities of the Government Servant and the same are following.

CHARGE :-

That the Government Servant while working as Dy. Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) failed to maintain certain mandatory registers in the Tahsildar office, Peddapuram.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

This is proved from the following evidence.

During the course of Surprise check the DSP, ACB verified the records available in the Tahsildar office, Peddapuram and noticed that, the mandatory records i.e., 1) Treasury Bill Register, 2) Mee-Seva caste certificates received from Mee-seva operators 3) Office inspection Register are not being maintained and 4) Pattadar

Passbook Register, 5) Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Registers are not maintained properly etc.

Sl. No.	Name of the Register	Remarks
25.	Attendance Register	This register is maintained from 01.01.2020 to 24-01-2021. On 24.01.2020, out of 12 office staff, 8 employees signed in the register. The DSP seized the same.
26.	Personal Cash Declaration Register	Not being maintained.
27.	Treasury Bill Register	Not being maintained.
28.	Pattadar Passbook Register	This register is being maintained for all the villages in the Mandal from 08.01.2019. It is containing 338 pages. The details of pattadar passbooks mentioned above are not entered in the register. The DSP seized the same.
29.	Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register	The register is being maintained from 01.01.2019 and its containing 170 pages. The details of 13 applications mentioned above were not entered in the register. The DSP seized the same.
30.	Registered Posts Tapal Register	The register is being maintained from 01.01.2019 and it is containing 85 pages.
31.	F-Line Register	The register is being maintained from 08.01.2019 and it is containing 91 pages and is being maintained properly.
32.	Mandal Level Grievance Register	Register is being maintained.
33.	Regularization of Encroachments Register	Register is being maintained.
34.	Assignment Committee Register	Register is being maintained.
35.	Court Cases Register	Register is being maintained.
36.	State HRC, Lokayukta and National HRC Cases Register	Register is being maintained.

Thus, the Government Servant has responsible for above lapse.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1, 2 & 3 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1, 2 & 3 in the Annexure No- IV proves the above lapse exhibited by the Government Servant.

Thus, the Government Servant has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)&(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964 and thereby the Government Servant rendered himself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

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LIST OF WITNESSES:

11. **Sri Yadagani Pattabhi Chowdary, S/o Rajarao, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Proh. & Excise Station, Alamuru** :-

He is one of the mediators of surprise check on the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District) on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

12. **Sri Irkineni Durga Nageswara Rao, S/o Krishna Reddy, Sub-Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Excise Superintendent, Rajamahendravaram North:**

He is one of the mediators of surprise check on the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District) on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

13. **Statement of Sri. S.Mallibabu, S/o. S.B.S.R. Acharyulu, Age: 53 , presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, O/o. Revenue Divisional Office, Peddapuram, R/o. Kondayyapeta, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District).**

On examination he stated that the procedural aspects about online mutation application and e-Passboks and he further stated about the happening of illegal Mining at Rameswaram Metta and irregularities committed by Tahsildar etc facts.,

Any other witness produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE -IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

10. **Surprise check proceedings dated 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District).**

It provides the details of events happened on the day of Surprise Check including engaging of a private person on behalf of V.R.A, Kandrakota village in Tahsildar Office seizure of documents, registers, non maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and other irregularities etc.,

11. **Pattadar Passbook Register**. This register is being maintained for all the villages in the Mandal from 08.01.2019. It is containing 338 pages. The details of 48 pattadar passbooks are not entered in the register.

12. **Mee-Seva Mutation Inward Register.** The register is being maintained from 01.01.2019 and it contains 170 pages. The details of 13 applications were not entered in the register.

Any other documents produced during the enquiry.

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